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For: ELECTROSTATIC CHUCK SUPPORT MECHANISM,

SUPPORT STAND DEVICE AND PLASMA

PROCESSING EQUIPMENT

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 August 29, 2003

Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

This reply includes:

Amendments to the Claims

Remarks